

# MiniStar-VIII, 2024

Final results

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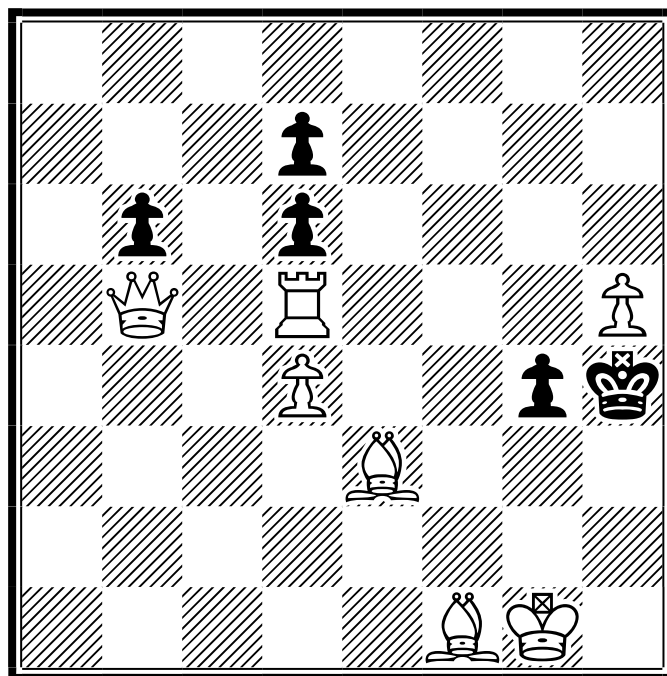
Judge: Elmar Abdullayev

The competition received 19 tasks from 11 authors representing 6 countries (Azerbaijan, USA, Slovakia, Russia, Czech Republic and Israel). The level of the tasks was quite high. Since no comments were received, the differences remain the same.

**Paul Murashev (Russia)**

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**



#2

7+5

1. ♖:d6? – zz 1... g3 (a) 2. ♔g5#, 1... ♘g3! 1. ♜f5? – zz 1... g3 (a) 2. ♜f4#  
1... ♘g3 (b) 2. ♘f2#, 1... d5! 1. ♔d3? – zz 1... g3 (a) 2. ♔e4# 1... ♘g3 (b)  
2. ♘g5# (A) – battery, 1... b5!

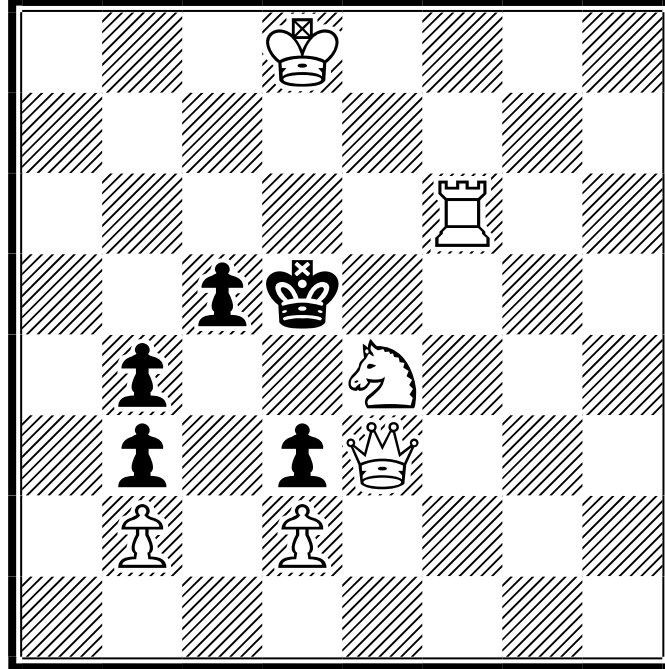
1. ♔e2! – 2. ♔h2#

1... g3 (a) 2. ♘g5 (A)# – Somov (B1)

1... ♘g3 (b) 2. ♔f2#

Zagoruiko 1+2+2+2, exchange according to Rukhlis Chateau on the same squares with different pieces (g5,f2), Somov.

**Paul Murashev (Russia)**  
 MiniStar-VIII, 2024  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**



#2

6+5

1. ♖f2? ~ 2. ♕e4#; 1... ♘c4 (a) 2. ♕:d3#, 1... c4!  
 1. ♘d7? zz 1... c4 (b) 2. ♖f5#, 1... ♘e5!, 1. ♘e7? zz, 1... ♘e5 2. ♖c3# (A) – direct battery. 1... ♘c4 (a) 2. ♕:c5#, 1... c4, 1. ♖a6? zz, 1... ♘c4 (a) 2. ♕:c5# 1... c4 (b) 2. ♖f6# – indirect battery. 1... ♘e5!

**1. ♕f4! zz**  
**1... ♘c4 (a) 2. ♖c3# (A) – direct battery**  
**1... c4 (a) 2. ♖d6#**  
**1... ♘d4 2. ♖c3#**

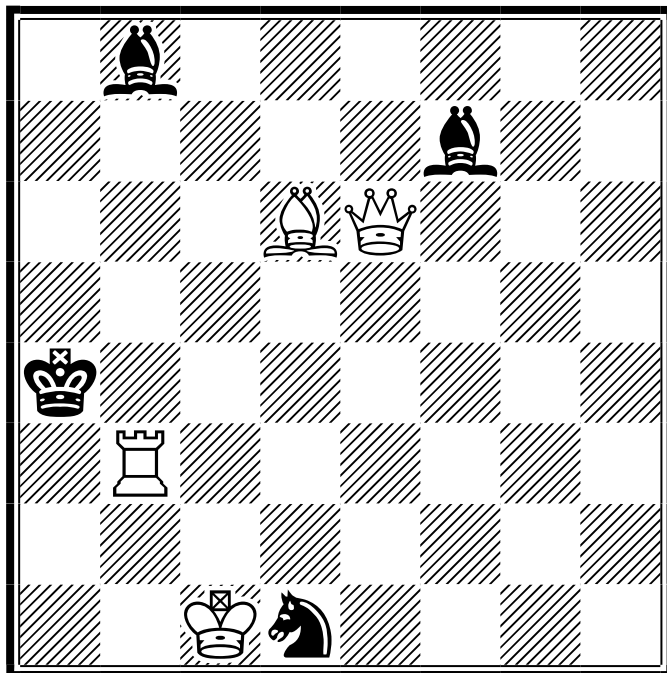
Zagoruiko 3x2 (in 4 phases), battery change, battery play for different black defenses, Rukhlis, alternating defense-refutation.



# Miroslav Svitek (Czech Republic)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Prize



#2

4+4

1. ♔e2! ~ 2. ♔a2# (A) 2. ♔b5# (B) 2. ♖a3# (C)

1... ♕a5 2. ♔a2# (A) 2. ♔b5# (B)

1... ♖b2 2. ♔b5# (B) 2. ♖a3# (C)

1... ♗e8 2. ♖a3# (C) 2. ♔a2# (A)

1... ♗:b3 2. ♔a6#

1... ♕:b3 2. ♔c2#

1... ♗c4 2. ♔a2# (A)

1... ♗:d6 2. ♔b5# (B)

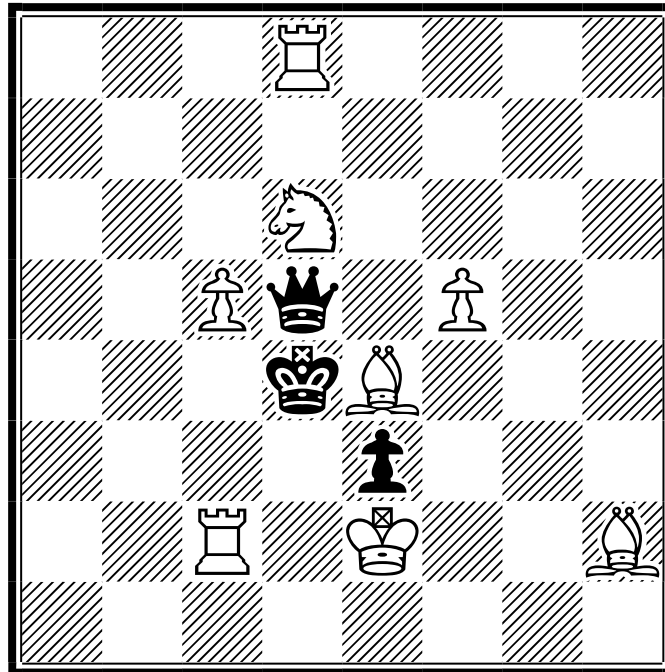
1... ♖c3 2. ♖a2# (C)

Aristocrat. The mechanism reminded me of the Bogdanov-Rychkov theme.

# Alexander Shpakovsky (Russia)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Prize



#2

8+3

1... ♔:e4 (a) 2. ♘b5# (A), 1... ♔:f5 (b) 2. ♖c4#

1. ♙f3!! ~ 2. ♘b5# (A)

1... ♔:e4+ (a) 2. ♘:e4#

1... ♔:f5+ (b) 2. ♘:f5#

1... ♔c4 2. ♖:c4#

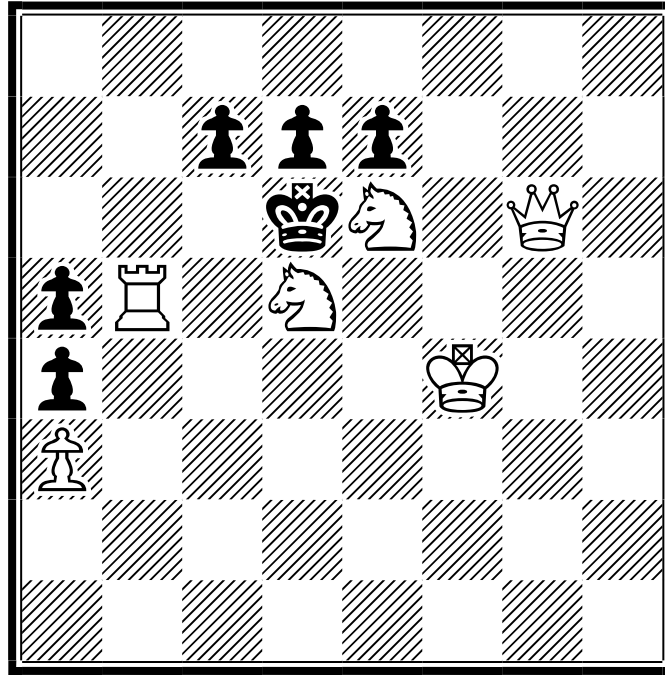
1... ♔:d6 2. ♖:d6#

A game of disguised battery, with provoking checks, introduction, 2x2 checkmate change. The inverse form of the Dombrovskis effect.

# Vladimir Kuzmichev (Russia)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> HM



#2

6+6

1... ♔c6 2. ♘d4#

1. ♔d3! zz, 1... ♔c6 2. ♘:e7#, 1... c6 2. ♘c7#, 1... d7:e6 2. ♘b4#,  
1... ♔:e6 2. ♔g6#, 1... c5 2. ♚b6#

Four games of battery with change to illusory variant.

Additionally:

1. ♔f5? zz

1... ♔c6 2. ♘d4#

1... c6 2. ♔g3#

1... d7:e6 + 2. ♔:e6#

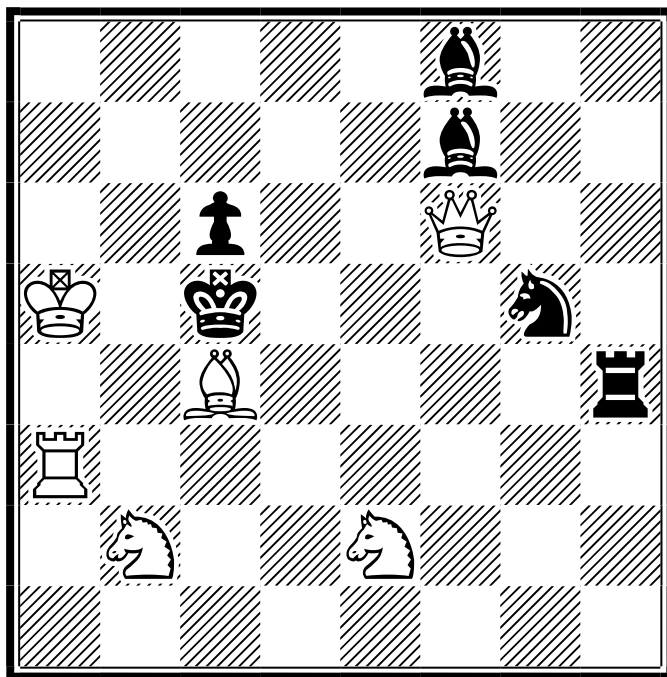
1... c5!



# Miroslav Svitek (Czech Republic)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> HM



#2

6+6

1. ♖c3? ~ 2. ♖ca4#

1... ♜:c4 a 2. ♖ba4# A

1... ♞:c4 b 2. ♖d3# B

but 1... ♜e6!

1. ♞c3! ~ 2. ♖ba4# A / 2. ♖d3# B

1... ♜:c4 a 2. ♚e5#

1... ♞:c4 b 2. ♚d4#

1... ♜e6 2. ♚f8#

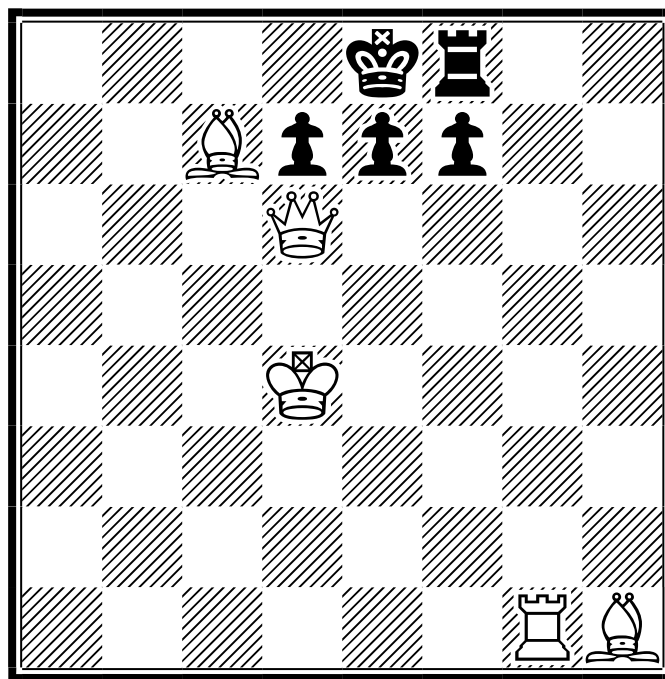
1... ♖e6 2. ♚e5#

In the attempt and the decision – the entry on one square. The change of play to captures of the bishop c4, where checkmates turn into threats.

# Vladimir Kuzmichev (Russia)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> HM



#2

5+5

1... e7-e5+ 2. ♔d6:e5#; 1... e7:d6 2. ♖g1-e1#; 1. ♖g1-e1? e7-e6!

1. ♔f6!! zz

1... d5 2. ♔c6#

1... d6 2. ♕c6#

1... e5 + 2. ♔:e5#

1... e6 2. ♔d8#

1... e:f6 2. ♖e1# - ♟x0

1... ♖h8 2. ♔:h8#

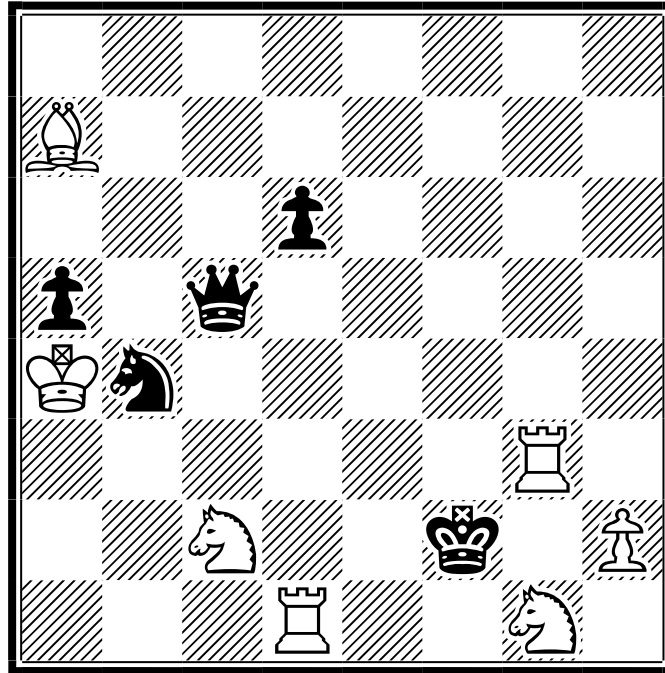
1... ♖g8 2. ♖:g8#

Pickenini. Queen sacrifice without threat. Skis – both pawns play for short and long moves. Short move refutation.

# Alexander Pankratiev (Russia)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> HM



#2

7+5

1... ♔e3 2. ♘:e3#, 1... ♔d4 2. ♘:d4#, 1... ♔b6 2. ♘:b6#  
1. ♚e1? ~ 2. ♘h3#, 1... ♘:c2!

1. ♘d4! ~ 2. ♘h3#

1... ♔:d4 2. ♘:d4#

1... ♔c2+ 2. ♘:c2#

1... ♔b5+ 2. ♘:b5#

1... ♔c8/♔c6+ 2. ♘c6#

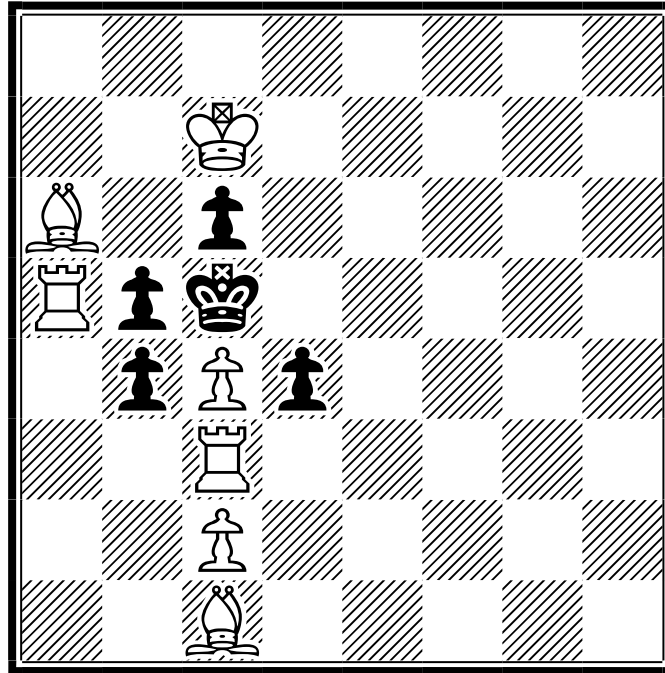
1... ♔h5/♔f5 2. ♘f5#

The shahs themselves, the Zirs battery, and the change of mats are observed.

# Rauf Aliovsadzade (USA)

MiniStar-VIII, 2024

6<sup>th</sup> HM



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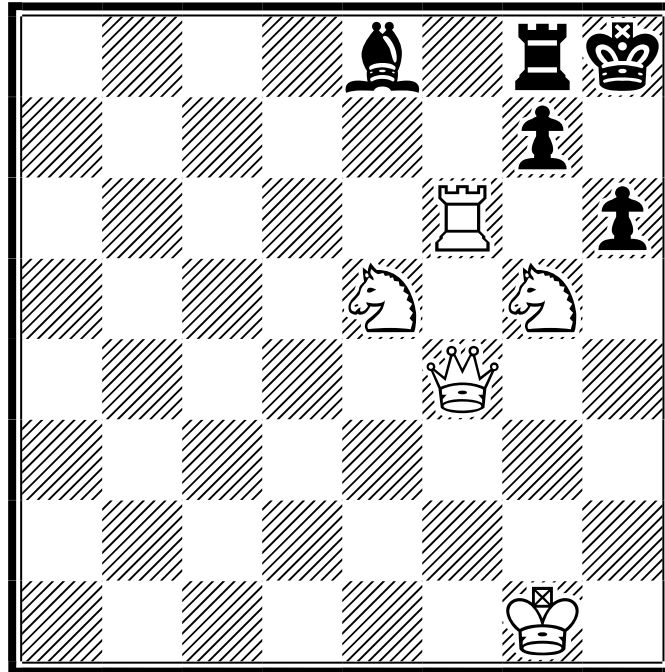
7+5

1. ♖:b5! (2. ♖a4, ♖a6, ♖:c6#)

1... c:b5 2. ♜:b5#, 1... b3 2. ♖a3#, 1... d3 2. ♖e3#

Theme Ojanen.

**Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan)**  
**MiniStar-VIII, 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> COM**



#2

5+5

1. ♖g6? 1... h5!

1. ♖f7! ~ 2. ♘g6#

1... ♗:f7 2. ♘e:f7#,

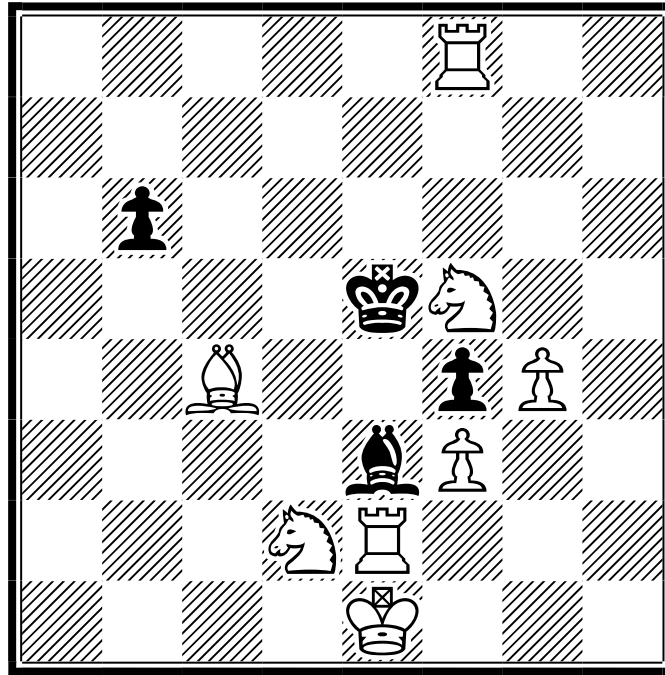
1... ♖f8 [a] 2. ♖:f8# [B],

1... g6 2. ♖h7#

1... h:g5 2. ♔h2#

Choosing the first move. Problem for the solving competition.

**Александр Панкратьев (Россия)**  
**MiniStar-VIII, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> COM**



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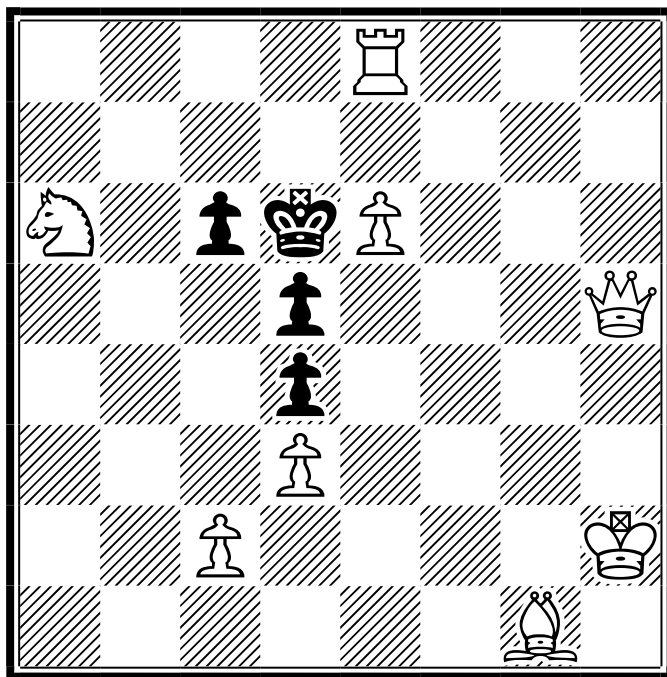
8+4

1. ♖g8? 2. ♜c4#  
 1... b5!

1. ♜e4! ~ 2. ♞e8#  
 1... ♜d2 + 2. ♜e4:d2#  
 1... ♜f2 + 2. ♜e4:f2#  
 1... ♜c5 2. N:c5#

Unleashing the black bishop and then destroying it. The attempt looks impressive, and the solution is the knight's rebound to the original square.

**Rauf Aliovsadzade (USA)**  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> COM**



#2

8+4

**1. c4! ~ 2.c5#**

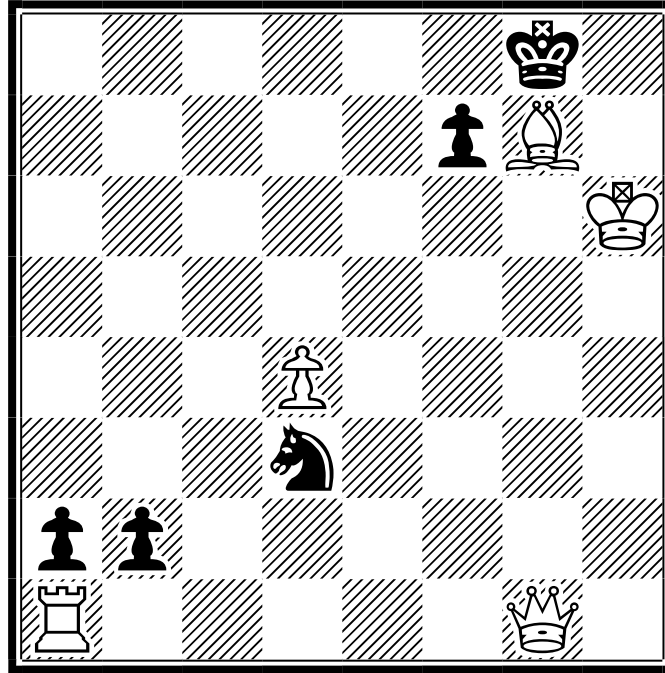
**1... d:c3 e.p. 2. ♘c5#, 1... d:c4 2. ♙c5#.**

Rybinsk theme.

**1... c5 2. ♙:d5#**

Remake of the author's Olimpiya dünyası, 2011, #2

Vladimir Kuzmichev (Russia)  
 MiniStar-VIII, 2024  
 4<sup>th</sup> COM



#2

5+5

1. ♔e3? ~ 2. ♔e8#, 1... ♘e5!

1. ♔g5? ~ 2. ♔d8#, 1... f6 2. ♔d5#, 1... f5!

**1. ♔b1!**

1... a:b1 ♔ 2. ♖a8#

1... b:a1 ♔ 2. ♔b8#

1... ♘~ 2. ♔h7#

1... f6 2. ♔:a2#

Choice of queen entry with a slight change of game.